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Maritime Advisory Board

June 16, 2015

The Maritime Advisory Board (MAB) of the City of Annapolis held its regular meeting on June 16, 2015 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center, 273 Hilltop Lane. **Vice Chair** Buchheister called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Present: Vice Chair Buchheister, Pettingill, Allan, Gosselin, Hood, Franke, Fegley

Absent: Chair Lomax, Woodward

Staff: Biba

II. May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pettingill moved approval of the May 19, 2015 as amended. Mr. Franke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Gosselin abstained)

III. REGULAR/OLD BUSINESS

A. Annapolis-Newport Promotion

Ms. Gosselin reported that the promotion was fun this year and there were some changes. Several of the racers docked their boats at the Newport headquarters and there were 92 entries but the actual start showed approximately 87. She explained that there is a debriefing meeting scheduled for June 17, 2015 in order to discuss planning for the 2017 race. This race is included people from several other countries and the Harbormaster's office offered support during the race. There were only three Class 40 boats present at the race and organizers conducted five seminars to help the first time racers to become acclimated to the process. She concluded that overall, the race was very successful.

B. Harbor Tour

Mr. Allan reported that he, Ms. Gosselin, Mr. Gutwald, and **Chair** Lomax toured all the maritime waterfront businesses on June 10, 2015. It was very informative for Mr. Gutwald. Mr. Allan will schedule another tour and invite the Mayor as well as others to come along. He also invited Mr. Gutwald to meet with Steve Pickle of North Sails in order to see how a maritime business operates.

C. Blue Angels/Exclusion Zone

Ms. Gosselin reported that the exclusion zone worked well this year for the Blue Angels fly over as increased the safety of the vessels. She believes that the exclusion zone should be a permanent zone and that the MAB needs to generate a letter to the City to institutionalize the exclusive zone. She noted that an added feature this year was that any commercial vessel in the zone was marked. There was a lot boats from out of town so this event is a real economic driver for the City. Mr. Allan suggested posting a copy of the exclusion zone map on the City's website for boaters to view and this suggestion should be included in the letter to the City.

D. NSHOF Dock Lease Status

Ms. Gosselin does not believe that a lease exists between the City and NSHOF to lease the City Dock property but a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by former Mayor Moyer so

believes that the NSHOF has been operating under this MOU. The MAB would like to invite Mr. Gary Jobson to the next meeting to give a briefing.

E. Reappointments – Gosselin, Franke, Allan, Lomax, Pettingill, Hood, Woodward

Chair Lomax clarified that the members up for reappointments were encouraged to send an updated resume to him so that he can provide them to the City Council for consideration. Those members up for reappointment are Ms. Gosselin, Messrs. Pettingill, Franke, Allan and Lomax. Mr. Pettingill submitted his resume at the meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Hermione Ship

There was a general discussion regarding the Hermione ships being in town and the number of visitors who took advantage of their presence.

Paddle Boarders

There was a general discussion regarding paddle boarders and Mr. Allan noted that there is a need for a boating safety education program in the City to educate those participating in the paddle boarding. **Vice Chair** Buchheister suggested writing a letter to the City regarding developing guidelines for paddleboard rentals.

V. DEFERRED MATTERS:

A. Committee Assignments

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center. With there being no further business, Mr. Hood moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Mr. Pettingill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder